County of Santa Rosa Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Santa Rosa County School District has a rich tradition of excellence and accomplishment in academic and athletic competition, reflecting the highest ideals of hard work, training, and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, through the years, the scholar athletes of Pace High School have particularly excelled in multiple fields of athletic competition and again this year the Pace High School football team exemplified the highest traditions of discipline, teamwork, mental and physical toughness long associated with Patriot athletics; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 Pace High School Varsity Football Team amassed a perfect 13-0 season in FHSSA 4-A competition including three convincing playoff victories, winning with aggressive, disciplined play on both sides of the ball, culminating in an epic Semi-Final State Playoff game with perennial football power Allan D. Nease High School; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2007 the Pace High School Patriots battled the Nease High School Panthers in a classic Florida high school football semi-final state playoff game ultimately falling to Nease 49-48 in four overtime periods, while showing the exceptional character, poise, and composure and the team-first, gut-tough attitude that characterized the entire season.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners in recognition of the stellar 2007 season and for reaching the "Final Four" in FHSSA 4-A Football for the second time in three seasons, hereby congratulates the Patriot players for a job well done and offers special recognition to Coach Lindsey and his capable staff for the outstanding job of teaching/coaching these exceptional scholar athletes and the Board further encourages all its citizens to commend and applied the coaches and athletes of Pace High School for representing our County in this exemplary fashion.

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John Broxson, Chairman